



## H.RES. 807 – HONORING THE LIFE OF MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS, CHAMPION OF THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES AND FOUNDER OF FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 807 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) on November 7, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on November 7, 2007, but was never considered.

H.Res. 807 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 4, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 807 resolves that the House of Representatives honors the life, achievements, and distinguished career of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, pioneer in the field of conservation, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the publication of *The Everglades: River of Grass*.

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### BACKGROUND

Marjory Stoneman Douglas was born on April 7, 1890, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. While attending Wesley College, she was a member of literary groups, the editor-in-chief of the yearbook, and served on the executive board of the Equal Suffrage League. Ms. Douglas graduated in 1912, and moved to Miami, Florida in 1915 to write for *The Miami Herald*, which her father was the first publisher of.

Ms. Douglas wrote numerous short stories which were published in the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Collier's*, and *Woman's Home Companion* throughout the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. In 1947, she wrote *The Everglades: River of Grass*, which aimed at drawing attention to the significance of the south Florida Everglades. The same year that this book was published, President Truman designated the Everglades as a National Park. At the age of 78, Ms. Douglas founded Friends of the Everglades, a group dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Everglades ecosystem. This group continues to serve as an advocate for the conservation of the Everglades.

Additionally, Ms. Douglas served in the Red Cross in World War I, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in November of 1993. Ms. Douglas died in 1998, having lived to the age of 108. Her ashes were scattered in the Florida Everglades.

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